

## WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?



There is a roundabout ahead – slow down.



There are three exits from the roundabout ahead – choose one. Do you want to turn right, go straight through, or turn left?



There are two entry lanes to the roundabout – choose the correct one. If you are turning left, get in the left lane.



Yield to all traffic in the roundabout.



Drive counterclockwise only in the roundabout.



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## IMPORTANT ROUNDABOUT RULES

- ✓ Slow down
- ✓ Choose the correct entry lane
- ✓ Yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk
- ✓ Yield to ALL traffic in the roundabout, including cyclists
- ✓ Give large vehicles extra space
- ✓ Never pass another vehicle in the roundabout



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*and BIKE in a*  
**ROUNDABOUT**

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## WHAT IS A ROUNDABOUT?

A roundabout is an intersection at which all traffic circulates counterclockwise, to the right of a central island. Entering vehicles must yield to all traffic already in the roundabout.

Yield Line

Central Island

Counterclockwise Circulation

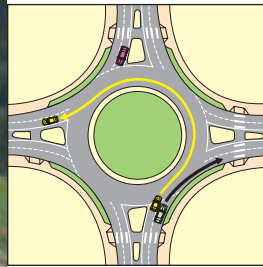
Splitter Island

Pedestrian Crossing

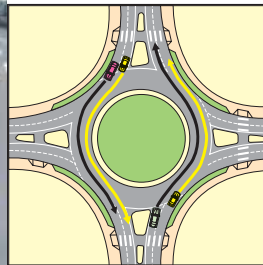
## ROUNDABOUTS:

- Reduce injury collisions
- Keep traffic moving
- Reduce unnecessary stops
- Reduce unnecessary idling and air pollution
- Improve intersection appearance

## HOW TO DRIVE IN A ROUNDABOUT



Turning right and turning left



Driving straight through a roundabout

1. Slow down when approaching a roundabout.
2. Keep to the right of the "splitter island".
3. Choose the correct entry lane. To turn right, get in the right lane. To turn left, get in the left lane. To go straight, get in the left or right lane.
4. Observe the crosswalk and yield to pedestrians.
5. Move to the yield line and wait for a gap in traffic before entering the roundabout. Yield to all traffic to your left (including cyclists), regardless of their position.
6. Do not enter beside someone already in the roundabout because they may be exiting. Drivers in the roundabout always have the right-of-way.
7. Within the roundabout always travel counterclockwise and do not stop; you have the right-of-way over entering traffic.
8. Do not pass other vehicles in the roundabout. Give large vehicles extra space because they may use both lanes.
9. As you approach your desired exit, use your right turn signal and take the exit while maintaining a slow speed. Do not change lanes before exiting.

## TIPS FOR DRIVERS OF LARGE VEHICLES

When getting into the roundabout, straddle the entry lanes. Within the roundabout, use both lanes. Don't try to leave space for another vehicle to pass you.



## TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

1. Use the sidewalks and crosswalks around the outside of the roundabout. Do not cut across the middle of the roundabout.
2. Use the "splitter island". This will let you cross one direction of traffic at a time.
3. Watch for gaps in approaching traffic. Choose a safe time to cross.

## TIPS FOR CYCLISTS



For experienced cyclists, ride as if you were driving a car. Vehicles in roundabouts travel slowly, close to the speed you ride your bicycle. When getting into a roundabout, merge into the travel lane before the bike lane or shoulder ends. Within the roundabout, ride in the middle of your lane; don't hug the curb. Watch out for drivers' blind spots.

For less confident cyclists, dismount and walk your bicycle. Follow the tips for pedestrians.



## WHAT ABOUT EMERGENCY VEHICLES?

If you have not yet entered the roundabout, let the emergency vehicle pass you. If you are in the roundabout, continue on and exit as normal, then pull to the right where there is room for the emergency vehicle to pass. Do not stop inside the roundabout.